

**REMARKS**

The Office action of May 26, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

Claims 1, 4-5, 9-11, and 14-17 are pending and have been previously deemed allowable in accordance with the Action. Claims 6-8, and 12-13 have been cancelled without prejudice to expedite allowance of the current patent application.

**Conclusion**

In view of the remarks submitted above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 to discuss the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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